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MR NDIAYE SAID THAT: ACCORDING TO WITNESSES: ABOUT 250 PEOPLE: MOST OF THEM CHILDREN: WERE DETAINED IN NGARBA PRISON IN THE EMPIRE'S CAPITAL OF BANGUI.

FIFTY TO 200 PEOPLE DIED IN THE PRISON: THE COMMISSION SAID. IT ESTIMATED THAT THE FIGURE OF 100 CHILDREN MURDERED AS CLOSEST TO THE TRUTH.

THE COMMISSION'S 175-PAGE REPORT INCLUDED ACCOUNTS FROM 150 TO 200 WITNESSES: AMONG THEM DOCTORS: RED CROSS OFFICIALS IN CENTRAL AFRICA: CLERGY: TEACHERS AND PARENTS OF THE MURDERED CHILDREN.

MR NDIAYE SAID THE BODIES OF THOSE MASSACRED WERE BURIED IN SECRET IN COMMUNAL GRAVES IN DIFFERENT PLACES OR THROWN INTO A RIVER.

THE COMMISSION PRESIDENT ALSO CONFIRMED THAT ZAIRE SOLDIERS TOOK PART IN SUPPRESSING THE JANUARY RIOTS.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL SAID IMPERIAL GUARD SOLDIERS STONED: STABBED: SMOTHERED OR BEAT TO DEATH THE IMPRISONED CHILDREN.

THE REPORT LED TO WORLDWIDE PROTEST AND PROMPTED: AMONG OTHER REACTIONS: THE RESIGNATION OF THE EMPIRE'S AMBASSADOR TO PARIS: SYLVESTRE BANGUI: WHO BACKED UP THE ALLEGATIONS.

THE COMMISSION WAS SET UP EARLIER THIS YEAR AT A FRANCO-AFRICAN SUMMIT IN RWANDA.±

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